

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Monday, August 3, 2015

Town of Sheffield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

This Special Town Meeting held at the Mount Everett Regional High School on Berkshire School Road, was called to order at 7:05 PM by Moderator Bruce H. Person. There were 272 of the Town's 2,215 registered voters in attendance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of Town Officials, Moderator Person made a motion, it was seconded, to dispense with the Town Clerk's reading of the Warrant. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 1.** On a motion by David A. Smith, Jr., seconded by Nadine A. Hawver, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority with Powerplay Solar, LLC for personal property taxes associated with the 2 MW solar photovoltaic facility located on the property at Undermountain Road, Map 28, Block 2, Lot 4.1, in Sheffield, and described in a deed recorded with the Berkshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 362, Page 618 and Book 363, Page 304, for a term of up to ten (10) years, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article. *The motion passed by substantial majority.*

**ARTICLE 2.** On a motion by Andrew G. Petersen, seconded by David A. Smith, Jr. to approve the amendment to the General By-Laws by adopting a personnel bylaw pursuant G.L. c. 41, §108C. Discussion ensued. *The motion passed by substantial majority.*

**ARTICLE 3.** On a motion by Nadine A. Hawver, seconded by David A. Smith, Jr., to authorize the use of the following revolving fund for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sum, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Council on Aging Transportation Fund      \$10,000

*The motion passed by substantial majority.*

Moderator Person made a motion, it was seconded, that Robert Weitz act as Moderator for Article 4. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 4. (Citizen's Petition)** On a motion by Fred Harwood, seconded, to rescind the action taken on Article 11 on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015 Annual Town Meeting and vote to make the Finance Committee appointed by the Moderator. This petition will restore the General Bylaw back to the original language as submitted in the Warrant.

A motion was made and seconded to vote this article by paper ballot. *The motion passed by substantial majority.*

Lengthy discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to move the question. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Ballot voting commenced. The results of voting were: Yes: 134; No: 133. *The motion passed.*

A motion was made and seconded to request a recount of this vote. *The motion passed unanimously.*

*Recounting of the ballots commenced with the results remaining the same. Yes: 134; No: 133.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Felecie Joyce, Town Clerk, CMMC